# COMMON COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS JULY 2, 2012

Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

# I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Teike from St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Aaron Hankins and James Lienhoop were present.
- D. Ryan Brand moved to accept the minutes from the June 19, 2012 City Council meeting. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

# II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2012, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012 (FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INC. PROJECT) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 (GIRLS CLUB/BOYS CLUB FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH OF COLUMBUS, INC. PROJECT), AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO." Jeff Logston, Director of Operations and Finance, presented this Ordinance. Jeff stated this is a refunding of the 1997 Foundation for Youth bond. He explained that based upon market conditions there is an opportunity to refinance and capture a savings. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome moved to approve the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- **B.** Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 17, 2012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 8.32 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, WEEDS." Kelly Benjamin, City Attorney, presented this Ordinance. Kelly explained this is based on a new state statute allowing for a continual abatement, requiring only one notice of violation sent by certified mail to each resident per year. Kelly stated all violations will still require Board of Public Works and Safety approval. Tim Shuffett moved to approve the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

# III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- **A.** First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE EFFECTIVELY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AND REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY AMENDING THE ZONING CONDITIONS AT A LOCATION DESIGNATED AS "RMc" (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH CONDITIONS)." (Spruce Ridge Rezoning). Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, and Jeff Bush, representing Hickory Investors, LLC, presented this Ordinance. Jeff Bergman displayed a power point presentation. He stated this involves approximately twenty (20) acres and the zoning remains the same, which is RMc (Residential Multi-Family with Conditions). The proposal is to amend the conditions that are attached to the rezoning, which include limitation of the property to an assisted living and/or retirement facility. Jeff Bush explained this property is being considered as the site of an expansion of the adjacent Riverstone apartments. Jeff Bergman stated the Plan Commission voted unanimously in favor of this rezoning. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome moved to approve this first reading and place in proper channels. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Dascal Bunch voted nay. Jim Lienhoop abstained from voting.
- **B.** First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 2012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 20, SECTION .080; POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS." Chief Maddix presented this Ordinance with a power point presentation. He stated the implementation of a reserve program would help supplement manpower to the Police Department. He explained all reserve officers would meet CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agency) standards. Chief Maddix stated he is targeting certified police officers who are already qualified and have been through previous training, such as retired officers. He explained they would work approximately one to two shifts per month. The program would have minimal start-up costs. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome moved to approve the first reading and place in proper channels. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2012, AN ORDINANCE TO ISSUE CREDIT TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF COLUMBUS CITY UTILITIES FOR SEWAGE USAGE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2012." Keith Reeves, Director of Columbus City Utilities presented this Ordinance. Keith introduced Stan Gamso, Attorney for the Utilities Department. Keith explained this Ordinance would allow a one-time credit to residential customers who experienced greater sewer charges due to lawn sprinkling activities during the month of May 2012. Discussion followed. Jim Lienhoop moved to suspend the rules and pass this in one reading in order to expedite refunds. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). Jim Lienhoop moved for passage of the first and second readings, and adoption of the Ordinance. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion for passage. Frank Miller inquired as to the total amount to be refunded. Keith stated it was a little over \$200,000.00. Motion to Issue Credit to Residential Customers passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).
- **D.** First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANACE NO. 19, 2012, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2012." Fire Chief Joel Thacker and Battalion Chief Brian Snyder presented this

Ordinance. Chief Thacker explained Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 5 are in dire need of roof repair and he has received several quotes to replace the roofs. Chief Thacker also stated he is requesting an additional appropriation for turnout gear, which should be replaced or rotated every five years. The total amount of additional appropriation requested is \$348,000.00 from the Cumulative Capital Fire Fund (CCF). Discussion followed. Frank Miller suggested another option for fire station repairs would be to use money that will soon be repurposed from the Sports Complex bond. He stated turnout gear or fire engines would be a perfect use of the Cumulative Capital Fire money, not necessarily station repairs. Further discussion followed. Several council members recommended replenishing the CCF Fund for future use. Mayor Brown suggested the Council could always take the proceeds from the new bond and replenish the Cumulative Capital Fire Fund if they choose to do so. Frank Miller stated he would like the CCF Funds protected and possibly funded in the future. Frank Jerome moved to approve the first reading and place in proper channels. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). Frank Jerome made a motion to suspend the rules and pass in one reading. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion to suspend the rules and pass in one reading passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). Frank Jerome moved to pass the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. A second was motioned by Ryan Brand. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

- E. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2012, AN ORDIANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, FIREWORKS." Kelly Benjamin presented this Ordinance. Kelly explained this Ordinance repeals the outdated city Ordinance. She stated the city would follow the current state statute. Discussion followed as to the differences of the state statute and the city's local ordinance. Frank Miller moved to approve the first reading and place in proper channels. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). Frank Miller moved to suspend the rules and allow a second reading. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0). Frank Miller moved to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of seven (7) to zero (0).
- F. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, 2012, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2012." Luann Welmer, Clerk Treasurer, presented this Ordinance. Luann explained the additional appropriation would be to allow an increase to the salary of Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer. She proposed an amount more consistent with other Chief Deputy positions within the city. Jim Lienhoop moved to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay. Jim Lienhoop moved to suspend the rules and pass in one reading. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion to suspend the rules and pass in one reading denied with a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- G. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, 2012, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2012 (ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2011) 2012 SALARY ORDINANCE." Luann Welmer stated the proposed salary increase for Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer would be consistent with other positions of assistant or chief deputy pay. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett moved to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

#### **IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Frank Jerome stated the Emergency Ambulance Board met on Friday, June 29 and will meet again on Friday, July 06, 2012. The board members are reviewing all proposals and will be discussing those at the next meeting.
- B. Frank Miller stated the Solid Waste District has asked if the Council would like an update from them periodically. It was decided the Solid Waste District would present information twice a year to the Council.
- C. Todd Swengel, Chairman with the Recycling Committee, presented a power point display describing information gathered by the committee. Several members of the committee introduced themselves. Todd discussed the benefits of recycling and potential options of going forward with a recycling project.
- D. Jeff Logston, Director of Operations and Finance, presented summary details from the ambulance proposals. Five proposals were received, as follows: Rural Metro, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus Fire Department, TransCare, and Seals. Council members inquired about leased equipment, liability issues, revenue streams, placement location of ambulances, etc. Additional discussion followed.
- E. Kelly Benjamin presented three possible fireworks proposals for temporarily prohibiting use of fireworks based on a declaration of an emergency caused by drought. Previously, Chief Thacker asked for a voluntary ban on fireworks, but did not have a formal recommendation regarding these proposals for the Council. No action was taken at this time.
- F. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **July 17**, **2012 at 6:00** o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- G. Tim Shuffett moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0). Ryan Brand left the meeting early. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		